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Soon: The Search for the Gold Titanic

ABILENE, Texas, Aug. 18 (UPI)—A solid gold replica of the Titanic will soon be hidden somewhere in the United States or Canada, and treasure hunters can decipher its whereabouts from clues developed by a former deputy director of the CIA.

Millionaire oilman Jack Grimm, who financed a search last year for the real Titanic, said today that construction was under way on a solid gold replica of the sunken liner.

The replica, when partially filled with gold coins, will be worth more than \$25,000. Grimm said it will be hidden early next month, at which time treasure seekers can begin looking for it.

Clues to the treasure's whereabouts can be obtained in a forthcoming book by author William

Hoffman called "Beyond Reach: The Search for the Titanic," which details the 1981 search of the White Star liner that struck an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland and sank April 15, 1912, killing 1,213 people.

Grimm said that because the clues will be hidden throughout the book, George O'Toole, former deputy director of the CIA and an expert at decoding messages, will assemble them and give them out each month until the treasure is found.

Using sound transponders and underwater cameras, an expedition financed by Grimm searched for the Titanic last summer with inconclusive results.

However, Grimm insisted that photographs of the ocean floor showed propellers identical to those on the Titanic's sister ship, which still survives.